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1. TWENTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVED NAHA THIS PAST WEEKEND ABOARD PANAMAINIAN-FLAG, HONGKONG CHINESE OWNED SS GLORIOUS COUNTRY HAVE ASKED THIS CONSULATE GENERAL FOR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO US TO JOIN OTHER REFUGEES IN GUAM OR MAINLAND CAMPS.

2. THERE WERE ORIGINALLY SIX FAMILIES ON TWO SMALL FISHING BOATS WHO LEFT FROM LONG HAI ON MAY 1 AND WERE PICKED UP BY THIS VESSEL. THE SHIP HAS SINCE VISITED BANGKOK, HONG KONG AND NOW NAHA, WITH EACH GOVERNMENT REFUSING TO RECEIVE THE REFUGEES. HOWEVER, IN HONG KONG ONE FAMILY RECEIVED PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SHIP AND GO TO FRANCE, AND HERE IN NAHA TWO FAMILIES HAVE ARRANGED TO GO TO CANADA. THE SHIP LEAVES HERE TOMORROW MAY 29 FOR KAOSHIUNG, ROC. WE ARE RECEIVING INQUIRIES FROM PRESS AS TO USG POSITION ON REMAINING 3 FAMILIES (25 PERSONS).

3. THE TWENTY-FIVE LEFT ABOARD (LISTED BY NAME IN PARAS 6,7,8) BELONG TO TWO SMALL AND ONE EXTENDED 18 MEMBER FAMILY AS FOLLOWS: THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADS ARE ARMY COLONEL LUONG BUI TUNG, AIR FORCE LTC (DOCTOR) NGUYEN TIEN HOANH, AND, FOR THE EXTENDED FAMILY, ARMY COLONEL TON THAT DI WITH HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW TRAN THIEN PHAT AND FATHER-IN-LAW TRAN THEIN BICH. DI STATES HE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS A SISTER RESIDING AND A SON STUDYING IN THE US (NAMES AND

ADDRESSES IN PARA 9). TUNG STATES HE HAS A SON STUDYING IN THE US AND A COUSIN MARRIED TO AN OFFICIAL AT THE US EMBASSY BANGKOK; HOANH STATES HE HAS A DAUGHTER RESIDING IN THE US AND HIS TWO OTHER DAUGHTERS(WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT) NOW IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN GUAM.

4. AS DEPT AWARE, JAPAN RELUCTANT RECEIVE REFUGEES. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS UNWILLING TO RECEIVE NON-ETHNIC CHINESE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, IT LOOKS NOW AS IF THESE FAMILIES COULD WELL BE STUCK INTERMINABLY ABOARD SHIP. THE SHIPS CAPTIAN TELLS US THAT THE OWNER LO SO HUNG OF THE KIN WAH NAVIGATION CO (RM 1004 NEW SINCERE BLDG, 173 DES VOEUX RD C. HONG KONG) IS WILLING TO PAY COST OF TRAVEL TO GUAM OR A COMPARABLE DESTINATION(SUGGEST CONGEN HONG KONG ATTEMPT VERIFY THIS POINT). THE THREE HEADS OF FAMILY STATE THAT THEIR RELATIVES IN US CAN ALSO PAY TRANSPORT COSTS IF NECESSARY.

DR. HOANH WOULD APPEAR POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR IMMIGRANT VISA AS A MEDICAL DOCTOR. SUBJECTS ARE UNCLEAR AS TO STATUS OF OTHER RELATIVES IN US SO IMMIGRANT POTENTIAL OF THE TWO ARMY COLONELS LESS CLEAR. HOWEVER ALL STATE THEY KNOW FROM THEIR SERVICE OR TRAINING IN US A NUMBER OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OR CONTACTS.

5. THE 25 PERSONS SEEKING ENTRY TO US ARE:

6. DOCTOR NGUYEN TIEN HOANH, MALE, AGE 47 AND HIS FAMILY;
NGUYEN THI DIEP, FEMALE, AGE 49 AND NGUYEN TIEN HA, MALE, AGE 20.

7. COLONEL LUONG BUI TUNG, MALE, AGE 45 AND HIS FAMILY;
NGUYEN THI YEN, FEMALE AGE 39, LUONG MAI TRINH, FEMALE, AGE 17
AND LUONG TRIEU SON, MALE, AGE 12.

8. COLONEL TON THAT DI, MALE, AGE 42 AND HIS FAMILY; TRAN THIEN BICH, MALE AGE 65 TRAN THIEN PHAT, MALE, AGE 45 TRAN THIEN THIEN MALE, AGE 18, LE VAN NIEM, MALE, AGE 28, TON THAT ABH DUNG, MALE, AGE 18, TRAN THI KIM FVOBG, FEMALE, AGE 35, VV THI KIM ANH, FEMALE, AGE 25, TRAN THI THIEN LUONG, FEMALE,
AGE 18, TRAN THI THIEN HUONG, MALE, AGE 2, TON THA ANH TUAN, MALE,
AGE 10, TON NU KIEU OANH, FEMALE, AGE 7, TON THAT TUAN ANH,
MALE, AGE 6, TON THAT ANH HIEP, MALE, AGE 3.

9. RELATIVES AND CONTACTS IN US:

FOR COLONEL TON THAT DI:

SENATOR WALTER HUDDLESTON OF KENTUCKY; COLONEL WILLIAM D.
RUNNER, HQ, USED CDA, APO NEW YORK; TRAN THIEN TRAN (SON),
STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, LOUISVILLE; TON NU THI CAN
(SISTER) C/O ROBERT L. PERLOT, 700 7TH STREET SW, WASH DC,
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ROOM 209, MADDOX HALL, JFK COLLEGE, WAHOO NEBRASKA, TEL 402-443
7995. FOR DR. HOANH, LE THI KIEU LOAN (DAUGHTER) 387 E. SAN
FERNANDO, SAN JOSE, CALIF. TEL 408-998-2520.

10. SHIPS AGENT IN TAIWAN: MR. P.H. YING, UNITED SHIPPING
CORPORATION, ROOM 305 CHIEN YU BUILDING, NO. 9 LANE 83, CHUNG
SHAN N. ROAD, SECT. 1, TAIPEI.

11. ACTION REQUESTED: TIMING UNLIKELY PERMIT RESOLUTION THIS

PROBLEM BEFORE SHIP LEAVES NAHA, BUT IT WILL BECOME AMEMBASSY
TAIPEI'S PROBLEM NEXT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT FRIENDS AND
RELATIVES LISTED PARA 9 ABOVE AND ADVISE WHETHER ACCEPTANCE OF PARTY
BY GUAM REFUGEE CAMP POSSIBLE. IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE DOCUMENTATION
THAT SHOULD BE PROVIDED EACH INDIVIDUAL FOR TRAVEL
FROM NAHA OR TAIPEI TO GUAM.

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